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**RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR 1.116
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE
EXAMINING GROUP 1714**

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

Jacques BROSSE et al.

Art Unit: 1714

Application No.: 09/936,622

Examiner: Cephia D. Toomer

Filed: January 4, 2002

Attorney Dkt. No.: 024118-00013

For: USE OF SUPERABSORBENT POLYMERS FOR TREATMENT OF RAW HIDE,
CORRESPONDING COMPOSITIONS AND PROCESS, AND HIDES THUS
TREATED

AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION

BOX AF

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Date: September 8, 2003

Sir:

In reply to the outstanding Office Action dated May 6, 2003, the time period for response having been extended from August 6, 2003 until September 6, 2003 with the filing of the attached Petition for Extension of Time, please amend the application as shown on the following pages: